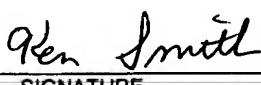


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 22188/06730 107518869 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/US03/31021	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 18.09.2003	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 18.09.2002
TITLE OF INVENTION TUBE FITTING WITH TUBE GRIPPING RING AND SEALANT		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US WILLIAMS, Peter C.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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